

WILLIAMS IS THE MAN

WHO FIRED THE BALL THAT KILLED SAWNIE BRYAN.

So Say the Jury Who Heard and Sifted the Evidence—Williams is Arrested and Jailed.

Coroner J. B. H. Knight resumed the investigation of the Bryan murder yesterday morning. It had been rumored that some witnesses would be put on the stand who would give some startling revelations, and there was a pretty good sized crowd in the court room to hear what they would be.

The coroner got to work a little after eleven o'clock, and called up the witnesses.

Andrew Simmons, col. said he lived about a mile from the place of the killing, and on the Saturday night of the murder, he heard two shots—thought they were pistol shots—in close succession. He said that Mr. Whitfield had told him at one time that the land was posted, and he now guessed that "they" (no names) would quit doing so much mischief down there. On one occasion some parties had torn a floor out of an old gin house on Mr. Whitfield's land, and made a gangway across the creek. He had heard shooting in that vicinity several times, and heard some one shouting on Sunday, after the murder.

He never heard any threats by Mr. Whitfield. The witness gave a description of the cabin occupied by Ike Williams, and the furniture in it, but said he never saw any guns or firearms in it. He did not know Williams' business down there, but had heard that he attended to Messrs. Whitfield and Brown's fish traps. Never heard of any threats by Williams.

Len Fowler said he had heard Ike Williams say he had shot some one on the river.

Question. Did you ever hear Williams say that he had shot some one down there and had trailed the blood up the river?

Answer. No.

The witness said he had heard Bob Pulley talking with Terry about going fishing on the Saturday evening on which the killing had occurred, and he (the witness) had told Bob Pulley that these parties were talking about going fishing on the river that night.

The witness did not know of any feelings existing between Pulley and Bryan, and had never heard Bryan speak of as a nuisance.

Calvin Bagwell was called. He did not know, personally, Whitfield or Brown. Ike Williams had told him that Mr. Whitfield had offered a reward of \$2,000 to anybody who would catch Ed. Yarbrough, Bob Pulley, Sawney Bryan, or Henry Fowler on his lands. Williams also had told him (witness) that Mr. Whitfield objected to anybody's hunting on his lands. This talk occurred on the second Sunday in May. The witness said that on one Saturday (didn't remember date) Sawney Bryan asked Mr. Whitfield for permission to fish. Whitfield said, "I have no objection to your fishing there, but I want to see Mr. Brown first." Bryan then said, "Mr. Whitfield, I have heard of a heap of hard things you have been saying about me, and I want to know what you have against me." Mr. Whitfield said: "I have nothing in the world against you."

Witness then left the two parties and heard no more. He heard Ed Yarbrough say he went to where these two men were talking and that Yarbrough said that Whitfield objected to Bryan's going on the land.

Henry Fowler said that he had formerly lived on the land, and had been instructed to move off by Mr. Brown. Soon after moving off he came to town to see Mr. Whitfield on some personal business. At that time Mr. Whitfield said that it seemed several parties down there were trying to boss the land; that Sawney Bryan had tackled Mr. Brown somewhere; that he (Whitfield) wanted Bryan to tackle him once, and if he didn't down him—!—!—! Witness had never been prohibited from fishing on the lands.

Patrick Snipes said he had a conversation with Mr. Whitfield about fishing on his lands. He and Bob Pulley went into Julius Lewis & Co.'s store where Whitfield was.

Witness said: "Mr. Whitfield you never come out about the river now." Whitfield said: "No I don't go to Milburnie, but I go down to Pool's mill where I have some traps. I was down there one night this week and cleaned out a fellow who was down there. I have that land posted, and I have employed a man to keep certain parties off the land. I don't care about the others, but if those certain parties don't stay off I'll kill them."

Witness asked, "How can you kill them if you are not there all the time?" Whitfield said, "I have Mr. Williams down there, and he will shoot them if they don't stay off. I have Williams employed to attend to the traps also."

Witness then left Whitfield and Pulley talking together and heard no more. Whitfield called on names.

Henry Pool said he lived on Whitfield and Brown's land about 1 1/2 miles from the place of the killing. He knew Williams, and sometimes went down to his cabin. Williams had told him that he had shot down there every time he heard a stick crack, and expected that he (Williams) had shot at his (Pool's) dog. Williams never told him why or by what authority he shot around there.

Witness said that he was employed by Whitfield to put in some fish traps, and he had put in some, getting the neighborhood boys to help him. R. B. Pulley and Sawney Bryan both helped to put in some traps. "Afterwards Whitfield said I could not attend to the traps and my crops too, so he took the traps."

"I was down at Williams' on Sunday morning after Bryan was killed. Between time and ten o'clock Mr. Brown came down to the traps and said, 'I suppose Sawney Bryan is killed.' Williams said: 'I am very sorry he is dead.' I said I believe I will go up and see Bryan." Mr. Brown told us that Bryan was killed near the mouth of Crabtree, and said he heard two shots the night before. The witness said that he did not think Williams had been down to the shanty since Bryan had been killed. Williams kept one gun (double barrel) in the shanty all the time, and he had seen a new looking pistol there.

Calvin Bagwell was recalled and said, when he was down at Williams' shanty, he saw a large old looking pistol lying on a shelf near the shanty. He could not describe the pistol and he did not know whether it shot cartridges or carried caps and ball. He saw a double barreled shot gun on a rack in the shanty.

Sheriff J. R. Rogers took the stand and told where he got a number of pistols that were in the possession of the coroner.

There were a number of pistols on the coroner's table, all of which had been collected in the vicinity in which the murder occurred. One of these was a bright looking double action revolver, which Williams had been keeping at his hut, but which he carried up to Mr. Brown's house after the killing of Bryan. The sheriff therefore got the pistol from Mr. Brown. It was impossible that this should be the weapon that fired the fatal ball, for it is a cartridge pistol, whereas, it is well established that the ball which killed Bryan is a muffled ball and was shot from a muzzle loading weapon carrying percussion caps. Calvin Bagwell's evidence was the only testimony given which showed that Williams had any other weapon than this pistol and a shot gun. His evidence shows that Williams had another pistol, an old looking one—but the witness could not tell whether it was a cap and ball pistol, or a cartridge pistol.

Mr. Kenster said that the pistol which had been procured at Pulley's house bore no evidence of having been recently fired. He would say that it had not been fired in a month.

One or two other witnesses were examined, but brought out nothing of interest on either side.

Solicitor Argo then made a statement to the jury, telling them their duties, after which the coroner gave them the case.

The court then adjourned to 4 o'clock, but the jury were instructed that if they reached a verdict before that time, they might send for the coroner who would receive their verdict.

After they had been out about an hour, they announced that they were ready, and the coroner was sent for.

The Verdict.

At 2:45 o'clock, the jury came in and rendered a verdict to the effect, that Lemuel Bryan came to his death from a pistol shot wound at the hands of Ike Williams.

Coroner's Return.

Inquisition taken and ended at Raleigh, May 26th, 1890, before me J. B. H. Knight, coroner of the said county upon view of the body of Lemuel Bryan deceased, late of Wake county then and there lying dead, and upon the oath of J. F. Barrett, Needham Bagwell, Jr., Henderson Ray, T. Q. Gattis, E. S. Gattis and W. A. Mitchell, good and lawful men of said county of Wake, who being charged and sworn to inquire how and in what manner the said Lemuel Bryan by his death came, upon their oaths do say that on the 17th day of May in the year and at the place aforesaid Ike Williams by force and arms did assault the said Lemuel Bryan being there and then in the peace of God and of the State, and the said Ike Williams with a pistol, of value unknown, did in the darkness of night and with malice aforethought give the said Lemuel Bryan a mortal wound which caused instant death, and so the said Ike Williams, him, the said Lemuel Bryan, then and there feloniously killed and wilfully murdered, contrary to the peace and dignity of the State; and further the jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Ike Williams at the time of committing the felony and murder aforesaid, had no goods or chattels, lands or tenements in the said county to the knowledge of the jurors aforesaid. * * *

Williams Arrested and Jailed.

Coroner Knight immediately issued an order of arrest for Williams, which was served, and he was jailed without privilege of bail.

Writ of Habeas Corpus.

It was reported yesterday afternoon late that preparations were being made by Messrs. Geo. Snow and Armistead Jones, attorneys, to sue out a writ of habeas corpus for Williams.

Seven O'clock.

The Stores Will Close at That Hour During the Summer Months.

The leading dry goods and shoe stores of the city have agreed to close at seven o'clock during the summer months. There was some talk of making the hour half past six, and this rule was desired by both clerks and proprietors. But after a careful consideration, the consensus of opinion was that the time was not ripe in this section for the adoption of that hour; and it is indeed evident that it cannot be adopted now without injury to business.

The following is the agreement: We, the undersigned merchants of the city of Raleigh, do agree to close our places of business at 7 o'clock, p. m., every day (except Saturday) from June 1st to Aug. 31st, 1890:

W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co., McKimmon, Moseley & McGee, Heller Bros., Madam Besson, H. H. Crocker, Miss Julia Woodward, Miss Maggie Reese, Whiting Bros. D. T. Swindell, Woolcott & Son, Norris & Carter, W. G. Seapark, Cross & Linehan, D. S. Wait, J. S. W. D. Rosenthal, S. & D. Barringer, L. Rosenthal, Raleigh Shoe store, W. H. Hughes, H. Brown, (two stores).

Church Notes of Last Sunday.

Evangelist F. L. Smith preached at Edenton street M. E. church in the morning to a large congregation. There were six accessions to the church membership during the day.

Arrangements were completed by the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School for the excursion and picnic to Tarboro, on June 3d. Tickets for non-members of the school are on sale at Terrell & Moseley's store at \$1.50 for the round trip. Members of the school will get their tickets at the Sunday school room on Monday June 2d.

It was "Children's Day" at the First Baptist church, and a bright and interesting day it was. The main audience room was very prettily decorated with flowers. The front section was reserved for the children and there were several hundred of them in the church at the morning service. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Carter, D. D., preached a children's sermon at the morning service, and at 3:30 in the afternoon the many children of the Sunday school gave a very delightful entertainment to an audience as large as the church would hold.

One new scholar was enrolled at the Central Methodist church Sunday school.

Election of Bank President.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Citizens' National Bank, held yesterday afternoon, Dr. W. J. Hawkins was elected President, and Col. A. B. Andrews was elected Vice-President.

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RALEIGH IN BRIEF.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THE CAPITAL.

Short Items of News Gathered on the Fly by the Chronicle's Reporters.

The trustees of the Baptist Female University will meet in this city to-night.

The banquet of the alumni of the University announced for May 30th, has been postponed.

Subscribers to the telephone exchange will add to their lists Lench & Andrews, Ice Factory, No. 20.

Paving work has been begun on west Martin street, leading from Fayetteville street to the new depot site.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company, Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith was duly elected a director in the place of Col. W. E. Anderson.

W. J. Peale, Esq., of Raleigh, will deliver the annual address at Vance Academy on the 18th of June.

Mr. Samuel Betts, of Henderson, (a native of Raleigh) who has been ill a long time, is now under treatment at St. John's Hospital. His friends can call and he will be glad to see them.

It was suggested by a gentleman yesterday that any syndicate that would build an electric railway around the city, or a part of it, and would carry on a real estate business with it, would strike a paying business. The scheme will have to be thought over before its advantages will become apparent.

Mr. R. G. Mills, of House Creek township, had a sow with ten young pigs Dec. 9, '89. On the 19th day of May, when they were just five months and ten days old, they were killed and the ten weighed 1900 pounds, or an average of 190 lbs. each, and were sold in the Raleigh market at 7 cents per pound. The mother of these pigs now has eleven pigs that were born May 24, '90.

A Raleigh gentleman who was driving through the country last week says that he passed an old negro woman's cabin which looked so neat and clean as to excite his attention and interest. To use his expression, the ground around the cabin was clean enough to eat off of. He asked the old woman some questions and during the confab she told him that she had eleven children living in the cabin, had four or five in the back country and there were some more of them scattered about somewhere. She said she didn't know exactly how many children she had.

COMING AND GOING.

Some of The Folks You Know and Their Doings.

Mr. Kalford Kreth arrived in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Meekins, Jr., sheriff of Tyrell county, arrived in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. T. B. Womack who has been visiting at Mr. Phil. Taylor's, went up to Greensboro yesterday to spend the week. Judge Womack is holding court there.

Col. L. L. Polk and two daughters, Misses Carrie and Lonnie left yesterday for Washington, where they will spend a few weeks. Col. Polk does not now contemplate making Washington his home.

Governor Fowle yesterday received a telegram, conveying an invitation to make the address on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the new City Hall, at Princeton College, N. J., on June 10th. The Governor could not accept the invitation on account of other engagements.

The CHRONICLE was glad to see in the city yesterday Mr. J. H. Hoffman, one of the go-ahead and progressive citizens of Statesville. He represents business as good in that town, and was as delighted over the handsome appearance of the trade edition of the Statesville Landmark as was the CHRONICLE staff.

Domestic Cotton Dress Goods Department.

We take from our foreign cotton goods department and place in our Domestic Cotton Dress Goods Department a line of Scotch gingham—making them at 17 1/2 to 20 cents per yard; goods that have been selling for 25 and 30 cents.

See them, W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

Is Oxford Improvement stock good? Certainly! What is it based upon? On 500 acres of land lying in and adjoining the town of Oxford; on 400 acres more suburban property, controlled by the company, and on the 500 acres of mineral lands and also fine bright tobacco lands, upon which the company has options.

How much stock is there? Three thousand shares of \$50 each. And lots are given away? To each holder of two shares a lot of 50x150 feet will be given. Where will these lots lie? In desirable parts of the land right at the town and on continued and parallel streets. Will these lots be worth the price paid for the stock? Yes.

Every holder of two shares gets a lot? Yes, except the original subscribers. By resolution of the board of directors they excluded themselves from this privilege for the benefit of other subscribers.

Why was the company started? To advance Oxford, make it the pride of the Golden Belt, and to make money for the shareholders.

Will it succeed? It will. 1500 lot-holders will not let it sleep. Tobacco is as good to make a town of as iron. It employs more hands. It is a luxury that is a necessity, and trade may be ever so dull, but the world will chew and smoke.

How do you pay for it? \$10 down, balance in five years called for, not oftener than once a month. And the doubting Thomases who had bought Arizona deserts and Florida swamps without a question, said you make me a receipt for a few shares; make it four or six. I don't care. I take it for the baby. And in that way he got even on his outside investments.

W. C. Reed, Secretary, Oxford, N. C., gives full information, or Walter Borden, Raleigh, N. C.

Swindell is a great advertiser; but we have never known him to advertise anything that he did not do as he said. They are selling their dress goods off at cost; go and see them.

THE WORLD'S COMMERCE.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Messrs. "Hubbard, Price & Co. in their cotton circular to-night say: Foreign markets remain closed until Wednesday morning, but our market has proved an interesting one without their assistance.

The feature has been the continued buying of July by foreign houses, evidently to close previous sales made against their holdings of cotton abroad.

So sharp was the demand that the market advanced with scarcely a reaction until the close, which was steady at about the best prices. The advance appears to meet with no resistance from the larger interests in the market, as they appear quite willing to remain inactive, looking on while the demand carries prices above a parity with Liverpool and attracts cotton to New York.

Already we hear of several shipments of cotton held in Southern markets, coming here for delivery upon this market. Receipts are full, but without effect upon prices, which are now under the influence of buying by the shorts. Spinners bought freely last week, but the transactions were made direct, not appearing until to-day. Sentiment favors a still further advance in cotton.

Receipts at our ports to-day estimated at 4,000 bales, against 4,493 bales last week.

The spot market is nominal at 1-16 advance in prices; middling uplands 12 1/2-16 cents; sales \$19 bales.

Transactions in futures to-day 40,000 bales.

Features closed firm and 2 to 11 points higher as follows:

May..... 12 47-48

June..... 12 47-48

July..... 12 53-54

August..... 12 36-37

September..... 11 44-45

October..... 10 89-90

November..... 10 70-71

December..... 10 70-71

January..... 10 73-74

February..... 10 73-74

In Liverpool to-day is a holiday.

Cotton.

City. Sale. Tons. Mk't. Ret. Ex.

Galveston, 26 Nov 11 5-8 19

New Orleans, 26 Nov 11 5-8 153

Savannah, 26 Nov 11 5-8 162

Philadelphia, 26 Nov 11 5-8 10

Mobile, 26 Nov 11 5-8 10

Memphis, 26 Nov 11 5-8 123

Augusta, 26 Nov 11 5-8 123

New Orleans, 26 Nov 11 5-8 2608 3284

Wilmington, 26 Nov 11 5-8 11-2

Louisville, 26 Nov 11 5-8 20

St. Louis, 26 Nov 11 5-8 20

Baltimore, 26 Nov 11 5-8 34

Boston, 26 Nov 11 5-8 34

New York Produce Market.

WHEAT—Closed firm and unchanged; city mill extras 135a1.09 for West India.

WHEAT—Closed lower; spot sales No. 2 red winter 96a97; No. 2 red winter May 96a97.

CORN—Closed easier; spot sales No. 2 mixed 38a39; No. 2 mixed May 38a39.

OATS—Closed lower; spot sales No. 1 white 37; No. 2 do. May 32.

PORK—Quiet; mess 13.75a14.25 for new.

LARD—Closed lower; June 6.34.

SUGAR—Refined firmer and in good demand; loaf and crushed 6.7-8; powdered 6.6a6.7.

COFFEE—Closed steady; Fair Rio cargoes 34.

Baltimore Produce Market.

COTTON—Firm. Middling 12-14.

WHEAT—Closed firm; Howard Street and Western superfine 22a25; do. extra 30a34; do. do family 4.25a4.85; city mill extras 4.75a5.00; winter wheat patent 5.00a5.20; spring do. 5.10a5.50; do. do straight 4.00a5.00; do. do 5.10a5.50; do. do extra 4.40a5.00.

WHEAT—Southern dull; Fultz 87a92; Long-berry 88a93; steamer No. 2 red 88; Western steady at a decline; No. 1 winter red spot and May 90a92a93-4.

CORN—Southern white dull at 42a44; yellow 44a46; Western weak; mixed spot and May 44a46.

OATS—Dull; ungraded Southern and Pennsylvania 31a35; ungraded Western white 35a38; do. Western mixed 31a35; graded No. 2 white 36.

RYE—Dull; choice 62a65.

PROVISIONS—Closed fairly firm; mess pork, old 12.25; new 12.50; bulk mess, loose shoulders 5 1/2; long clear and clear rib side 6 1/4; sugar pickled shoulders 6 1/4; sugar cured smoked shoulders 7 1/4; hams, hams small 11 1/4a12 1/2; 1-2; 10a11 Lard, refined 7 1/4.

PETROLEUM—Steady; refined 78.

COFFEE—Closed firm; Rio cargoes fair 19-34.

SUGAR—Closed strong, active; granulated 6-1-16.

COPPER—Refined closed firm at 13-1-2a14-1-4.

WHISKY—Firm and in good demand at 1.00a1.10.

Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, May 26.—Wheat opened weak; corn quiet; oats quiet; provisions dull.

CLOSINGS:

WHEAT—May 94 1/2; June 94 1/2; July 94 1/2-3.

CORN—May 33 1/2; June 33 1/2; July 33 1/2-3.

OATS—May 28; June 27 1/2; July 26 1/2-3.

PORK—July 13.20.

LARD—June 6.02 1/2; July 6.15; September 6.55a6.75.

RYE—June 5.15; July 5.37 1/2; September 5.15.

St. Louis Produce Market.

FLOUR—Closed dull and weak; XXX 2.50a2.60; patents 5.00a5.15.

WHEAT—Closed lower; June 93 1-2.

CORN—Closed lower and firm; May 31; June 31.

OATS—Closed lower and dull; May 27 bid.

LARD—Prime steam 5-3-4.

PORK—Standard mess 12.50; dry meat shoulders 5 1/4-5 1/2; long 5-5 1/2-3-4; ribs ang short clear 5 3/4-6 00; bacon—boxed shoulders 5-5 1/2; long 5.00a5.85; ribs 5.05a 5.30; clear 5.00a5.25.

WHISKY—Sales 918 barrels finished goods on the basis of 1.02 per gallon for high wines.

Naval Stores